# MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE



Thursday, May 11, 2006 SWVMHI Henderson Building ~ Room 106 12:00 Noon

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deidra Mathena, Chairperson Leslie Birch Claudia Duffy Trudy Combs Phillip Moser Benjamin Plummer

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Leiann Smith, L.C.S.W., Clinical Social Work Supervisor, Geriatric Services, SWVMHI
David Brady, D.O., Psychiatrist, Geriatric Services, SWVMHI
David Duncan, Administrator, Keystone Youth of Marion
Laura Lincoln, Human Resources Director, Keystone Youth of Marion
Keith Lowry, Clinical Director, Keystone Youth of Marion
Peggie Roland, Prospective Member
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Lisa Berry, Secretary

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) was called to order by Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 11, 2006, in the Henderson Building, Room 106, of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2006, meeting.

## <u>SWVMHI</u>

The motion was made and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.(4) and (15), for the protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to review medical records, namely to conduct a review pursuant to the regulations.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session were discussed in the Closed Session.

The following reports, including client-identifying information, were heard and actions taken:

#### **CASE REVIEW OF ADMISSIONS PATIENT (Closed Session)**

Leiann Smith, L.C.S.W., presented the Committee with an update on a Geriatric patient's ECT treatment.

#### SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of March and April 2006. The Committee requested that Dr. Linda Francis, I Team Psychiatrist, come to the next meeting to present a case review on one of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation patients.

#### ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the LHRC with a current report of abuse and neglect cases since the Committee's last meeting.

#### INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the LHRC with a report of the number of informal and formal complaints received at SWVMHI for the month of April.

#### BARRIERS TO DISCHARGE REPORT (Open Session)

Deborah Jones (on behalf of Sue Ellen Tate) reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI.

#### **DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)**

Dr. Cynthia McClaskey updated the Committee on the following issues:

- Facility anticipating visit from JCAHO surveyors.
- The Mental Health Walk was held at Emory and Henry College on May 8 and was a huge success.

## **KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION**

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The following reports, including client-identifying information, were heard:

#### SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)

Laura Lincoln presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of March and April 2006.

#### ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Laura Lincoln provided the LHRC with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the months of March and April 2006.

#### INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Laura Lincoln provided the LHRC with a report of informal and formal complaints received at Keystone Youth of Marion during the months of March and April 2006.

#### **DIRECTOR'S ISSUES**

Keystone Youth of Marion had a recent visit from the Office of Licensing and the Office of Human Rights. The facility is currently working with the Office of Human Rights on a corrective action plan.

# **RIDGEVIEW PAVILION**

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, on behalf of Andra Savage, Director of Psychiatry at Ridgeview, provided the LHRC with reports of incidents of seclusion/restraint and informal and formal complaints received during the months of March and April 2006.

Deborah Jones also presented the LHRC with the signed Affiliation Agreement from Ridgeview Pavilion. Phillip Moser made a motion to accept the agreement. The motion was seconded by Claudia Duffy and unanimously approved. A copy of the agreement is to be forwarded to Dr. McClaskey's office.

# ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

#### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

A motion was made by Benjamin Plummer to nominate and elect Claudia Duffy, Deidra Mathena, and Phillip Moser for re-appointment to the SWVMHI LHRC. The motion was seconded by Leslie Birch and unanimously approved.

#### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF LHRC OFFICERS

A motion was made by Claudia Duffy to nominate and elect Deidra Mathena as Chair of the SWVMHI LHRC. The motion was seconded by Phillip Moser and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Claudia Duffy to nominate and elect Leslie Birch as Co-Chair of the SWVMHI LHRC. The motion was seconded by Phillip Moser and unanimously approved.

#### INTERVIEW OF PROSPECTIVE LHRC MEMBER

Peggie Roland was present for an interview by the LHRC as a prospective member. Subsequent to the interview and discussion with Mrs. Roland, a motion was made by Claudia Duffy to accept Mrs. Roland's application for membership to the Committee. The motion was seconded by Phillip Moser and unanimously approved.

#### **LHRC SEMINAR**

A seminar for LHRC members is being planned for early Fall (September 8-9, 2006). The seminar will be for LHRC members only. Deborah Jones to keep members posted as new information becomes available. Members asked to mark their calendars for this training.

# **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next LHRC meeting has been changed from Thursday, July 13, 2006, to July 20, 2006, at 12:00 Noon. The meeting will be held in the "C" Building Conference Room on the grounds of SWVMHI (rather than in the normal location of the Henderson Building).

ADJOURNMENT		
The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.		
	Chair	
/llb		

pc: Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director; Nan Neese, Regional Human Advocate; Local Human Rights Committee; Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D.; SWVMHI Facility Director; David Duncan, Administrator, Keystone of Marion; and Andra Savage, Psychiatric Services, Ridgeview Pavilion.